

cycle, nil; organised games, 4; miscellaneous illnesses, 17; miscellaneous accidents, 2.

#### AWARDS

His Majesty the King's Medal, presented to the Flight Cadet who obtains the highest aggregate of marks in all subjects in the final order of merit following the passing-out examination, has been awarded to:—

Flight Cadet Sgt. Cecil Dunn Milne.

The Sword of Honour, presented to the best all-round Flight Cadet in the Senior Term, has been awarded to:—

Flight Cadet Under-Officer Howard Frizelle Burton.

The Air Ministry prize, awarded to the Flight Cadet in the Senior Term obtaining the highest marks in the Imperial and War Studies, has been won by:—

Flight Cadet Roderick Hugh McConnell.

The Air Ministry Prize, awarded to Flight Cadet in the Senior Term obtaining the highest marks in Aeronautical Engineering, has been won by:—

Flight Cadet Sgt. Cecil Dunn Milne.

The Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize, for the Flight Cadet obtaining the highest marks in Mathematics and Science, has been awarded to:—

Flight Cadet Under-Officer Harry Emlyn Bufton.

The J. A. Chance Memorial Prize, for the Flight Cadet in the Senior Term obtaining the highest marks in Service Subjects, has been awarded to:—

Flight Cadet Sgt. Cecil Dunn Milne.

The R. M. Groves Memorial Prize, for the best all-round pilot in the Senior Term, has been awarded to:—

Flight Cadet Cpl. Louis Douglas Wilson.

#### NOMENCLATURE OF AIRCRAFT

The name of the De Havilland training aeroplane fitted with Gipsy XII engine is Don I.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE GAZETTE

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#### General Duties Branch

Air Comdre. O. T. Boyd, O.B.E., M.C., A.F.C., is appointed Director of Personal Services, Air Ministry, vice Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, D.S.O., O.B.E. (December 21); Flt. Lt. A. G. C. Somerhough is granted a permanent commission and is transferred to the Legal Branch on probation with effect from and with seniority of December 12; F/O. W. D. Woods is promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant, with effect from December 7 and with seniority of October 1; P/O. H. M. Starr is promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (October 16).

#### Medical Branch

Flt. Lt. J. H. Cullinan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., is placed on the retired list at his own request (December 15); Flt. Lt. A. E. Vawser, L.M.S.S.A., is removed from the Royal Air Force (April 4).

#### Chaplains Branch

The Reverend E. C. Jones is granted a short service commission with the relative rank of Squadron Leader, with effect from and with seniority of December 12.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

**Appointments.**—The following appointments in the Royal Air Force are notified:—

#### General Duties Branch

**Group Captains.**—A. S. Morris, O.B.E., to Aircraft Depot, Hinaidi, Iraq; to command, vice Group Capt. H. J. F. Hunter, M.C., 11.11.36. C. O. F. Modin, D.S.C., to Headquarters, R.A.F., Iraq, Hinaidi, 13.11.36; for duty as Senior Equipment Staff Officer, vice Group Capt. R. G. Parry, D.S.O., 18.11.36.

**Wing Commander.**—A. S. Ellerton, O.B.E., to Headquarters, R.A.F., Iraq, Hinaidi, for duty as Senior Personnel Staff Officer, vice Wing Commander W. A. C. Morgan, M.C., 7.11.36.

**Squadron Leaders.**—A. J. Rankin, A.F.C., to No. 30 (Bomber) Squadron, Dhibban, Iraq; to command, vice Wing Cdr. A. L. Fiddament, D.F.C., 12.11.36. R. L. McK. Barbour, D.F.C., A.F.C., to Headquarters, R.A.F., Mediterranean, Malta; for Engineer duties, 10.12.36. H. M. Whittle, to Headquarters, R.A.F., Iraq, Hinaidi; for Administrative duties, 26.11.36. W. L. Payne, to No. 57 (Bomber) Squadron, Upper Heyford; to command, 14.12.36. R. E. Bain, to No. 43 (Fighter) Squadron, Tangmere; to command, 10.12.36. P. Slocombe, to No. 209 (Flying Boat) Squadron, Felixstowe; for flying duties, vice Sqn. Ldr. A. W. Bates, 11.12.36.

**Flight Lieutenants.**—H. J. Paine, to Aircraft Depot, Hinaidi, Iraq, 26.11.36. W. J. H. Lindley, to Aircraft Park, Lahore, India,

#### AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY

The Air Ministry announces:—The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards to the undermentioned officers of the Royal Air Force for gallant and distinguished services rendered in connection with operations in Palestine, 1936:—

##### *Distinguished Flying Cross*

Flt. Lt. (now Sqn. Ldr.) Charles Herbert Tighe; F/O. Richard Godfrey Seys.

##### *Military Cross*

P/O. William Foulsham.

#### NEW SQUADRONS FORMED

No. 228 (Flying Boat) Squadron formed at Pembroke Dock on December 15 and has been placed under the command of the A.O.C.-in-C., Coastal Command.

No. 269 (General Reconnaissance) Squadron formed at Bircham Newton on December 7 and will move to Abbotsinch by January 1, 1937. The unit is being equipped with general reconnaissance aircraft and has been placed in the Coastal Command. It will be placed in No. 16 (Reconnaissance) Group with effect from January 1, 1937.

#### FORMATION OF STATION HEADQUARTERS

A station headquarters will form at Waddington on March 12, 1937, on which date the station will be transferred within the Bomber Command to No. 3 (Bomber) Group.

A station headquarters is to form at Dhibban on January 1.

#### MOVE OF A SQUADRON

No. 23 (Fighter) Squadron moved from Biggin Hill to Northolt on December 21.

#### A CHANGE OF TITLE

The title of the Coast Defence Development Unit has been changed to No. 1 Coast Artillery Co-operation Flight.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE

#### *Reserve of Air Force Officers General Duties Branch*

The following are granted commissions as Pilot Officers in Class AA (December 22):—J. Blackburn, J. C. Newbery, C. N. Fosley Norris, T. S. Tull.

C. W. Martin is granted a commission as Flying Officer in Class B (December 22); Major W. A. C. Heyman (R.A.R.O.) is granted a commission as Flight Lieutenant in Class C (November 12); Sqn. Ldr. J. Kempar, M.B.E. (R.A.F. rtd.) is granted a commission as Flight Lieutenant (Hon. Squadron Leader) in Class C (November 2); F/O. W. Allan is granted a commission in that rank in Class C (December 22); P/O. E. B. Nelson is promoted to the rank of Flying Officer (November 17, 1935); Flt. Lt. H. T. R. Cripps relinquishes his commission on completion of service (November 19).

#### AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

##### *General Duties Branch*

No. 610 (COUNTY OF CHESTER) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—D. S. Wilson is granted a commission as Pilot Officer (October 24).

No. 611 (WEST LANCASHIRE) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—R. N. Birley is granted a commission as Pilot Officer (November 1).

##### *Accountant Branch*

No. 609 (WEST RIDING) (BOMBER) SQUADRON.—G. G. Robinson is granted a commission as Pilot Officer (October 26).

14.11.36. H. J. Pringle, to Central Flying School, Upavon, 15.12.36. H. L. Dawson, to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow, 7.12.36.

**Flying Officer.**—R. G. Yaxley, M.C., to R.A.F. Station, Ramleh, Palestine, 28.11.36.

**Pilot Officers.**—F. W. Richmond, K. J. Rampling, J. F. Walker, to No. 47 (Bomber) Squadron, Khartoum, 28.11.36. J. H. Slater, to Headquarters, R.A.F., Iraq, Hinaidi, 12.11.36.

**Acting Pilot Officers.**—The undermentioned are posted to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, on appointment to short service commissions, on probation, 3.12.36:—P. Burnett, J. H. Chappell, M. A. Goodwin, R. G. Le Dieu, P. V. Morello, P. A. Nicholas, B. Platt, S. A. F. Robertson, R. L. C. Todd, H. St. G. Turner, and J. L. Waters.

##### *Accountant Branch*

**Wing Commander.**—W. G. W. Prall, to Headquarters, R.A.F., Iraq, Hinaidi; for duty as Command Accountant, vice Wing Cdr. H. G. Jones, 19.11.36.

**Flight Lieutenant.**—H. R. Withers, to R.A.F. Station, Cardington, 15.12.36.

##### *Medical Branch*

**Wing Commander.**—D. G. Boddie, to Directorate Medical Services, Air Ministry; for Staff duties, 15.12.36.

**Flight Lieutenant.**—O. S. M. Williams, to R.A.F. Station, Cardington, 16.12.36.